

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1 through 5, 7 through 12, and 14 remain in this application. Claims 6 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a), and claims 1 through 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 8 are hereby amended to address these concerns of the above Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 37 CFR 1.83(a) objection and 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 5, 7 through 12, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0107040 A1 to Crandall, et al. ("Crandall publication") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,344 B1 to Toporek ("Toporek patent").

The limitations of dependent claims 6 and 13 have been added to independent claims 1 and 8, respectively. Neither the Crandall, et al. publication nor the Toporek patent describe or suggest transmitting a message from the client device with the slowest latency to other client devices with a delayed link latency that is based on the link latency of the *next slowest client device*, as required by claims 1 and 8 as amended. Therefore, claims 1 and 8 distinguish patentably from the Crandall publication, the Toporek patent, and the suggested combination of these references.

Claims 2 through 5, 7 and 9 through 12, and 14 depend from and include all limitations of independent claims 1 and 8 as amended. Therefore claims 2 through 5, 7 and 9 through 12, and 14 distinguish patentably from the Crandall publication, the Toporek patent, and the suggested combination of these references for the reasons stated above for amended claims 1 and 8.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of claims 1 through 5, 7 through 12, and 14 are respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any

questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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